

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Bearing means for a hand held portable tool such as a brush cutter, a trimmer or the like said means comprising an elongated bearing sleeve (13) that is provided with outwardly extending flanges (14) or the like, said bearing sleeve (13) has a non circular inner surface, **characterized in** that the flange material and the sleeve material have such characteristics that radial forces acting on the flanges (14) and that are directed towards the center of the sleeve (13) is transferred to resilient deflections of the sleeve (13).
2. (Original) Bearing means according to claim 1, **characterized in** that at least one of the flanges (14) extend from the bearing sleeve at a point where the inner surface is positioned at a distance from a circle that is inscribed in the inner periphery of the sleeve.
3. (Original) Bearing means according to any of the preceding claims **characterized in** that the sleeve (13) has a mainly triangular shape.
4. (Original) Bearing means according to claim 3, **characterized in** that a flange (14) extends mainly radially outwards from each tip (16) of the triangle.

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5. (Currently Amended) Bearing means according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, **characterized in** that the outer part of at least one of the flanges is
provided with a hook shaped portion (17).